

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HR 1014:

A RESOLUTION

1 Strongly urging the State Board of Education to establish uniform statewide standards for
2 honors courses; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, there are currently no state-wide standards for honors courses required by the
4 State Board of Education, and as a result, there is no uniformity among local school systems
5 that offer honors courses to their students; and

6 WHEREAS, a high school senior earning a college preparatory diploma must have a 3.0
7 grade point average, and a high school senior earning a career/technical diploma must have
8 a 3.2 grade point average in order to receive a HOPE scholarship as an entering college
9 freshman; and

10 WHEREAS, because of the lack of uniformity of honors courses provided across the state,
11 high school students who take honors courses do not receive weighted grades for purposes
12 of the HOPE scholarship program to compensate for the difficulty of taking such courses;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses do have statewide
15 standards, and course work for these classes does receive weighted values for purposes of
16 determining eligibility for a HOPE scholarship; and

17 WHEREAS, the implementation of statewide standards for honors courses would ensure
18 more equitable treatment for Georgia's students with respect to determining eligibility for
19 a HOPE scholarship.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the State Board of Education is very strongly urged to establish uniform standards for honors
22 courses by December 31, 2008.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the State Board of Education.